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NEWS RELEASE

CONSERVATION / AUGMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN UNTIL MARCH 31

The Arizona Department of Water Resources now is accepting applications for funding for conservation assistance and augmentation projects in the Tucson Active Management Area.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m., Friday, March 31.

Between \$150,000 and \$225,000 will be available for grants in this cycle.

The objective of the programs is to assist water users within the Tucson AMA in meeting the conservation requirements contained in the management plan and to promote the use and storage of renewable sources of water.

The grant awards will be made by the Director of ADWR, Rita P. Pearson, in consultation with the Tucson AMA Groundwater Users Advisory Council (GUAC). Contract discussions with successful applicants will begin in early August.

Application packets may be obtained from the Tucson AMA by contacting Nancy Holland (520) 770-3800, or may be downloaded from the ADWR website:
www.adwr.state.az.us.

The GUAC issued recommendations on the kinds of projects the members wish to see receive funding. Among them are projects to:

- promote efficiency in residential and commercial landscape irrigation, as well as in household use
- monitor water use in new residential areas,
- assist homeowners in better understanding their water use and how to reduce consumption

- develop or expand programs to attain more efficiency in agricultural irrigation, and
- assist industry in conservation and the re-use of water.

Previously funded or ongoing projects are eligible for reauthorization, and will be considered upon submission of new applications and budget information.

For additional information, including assistance in filling out applications, contact:

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